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Dear Dick,

Apropos of our discussion of the autopsy yesterday morning, I though you might like to compare it with that given his alleged assassin. You will find it in Appendix C of Dallas Justice, a dozen pages beginning on page ~~XXXXXXX~~ 277.

Hastily, I would like to call your attention to the high precision throughout, to the nature of the forms and their requirements, to the function of the "body diagram" and the exactness with which wounds are located, from the midline, as I told you, not from the really meaningless outside, and from the closest extremity, not from a more flexible mid-point bearing minimal anatomical relationship and maximum flexibility to the point of the wound.

Prior to writing this chapter I consulted lawyers in public service who deal with such matters. An autopsy is a precise thing, and measurements on charts are required to be precise and meaningful, not miscellaneous rough notes.

On the Oswald charts, what I take to be reasonable efforts are made to give the proper measurements, as on page 286. Even a cross-section of the wound is carefully presented (page 290), much more important and totally lacking in the President's autopsy.

Note also that unlike the President's two-day autopsy report for an autopsy allegedly completed within three hours of its beginning, this one was ordered at 1:55 p.m., and completed, ready for the writing, at 2:45 p.m. (p 277) p. 284/

Further unlike the President's, which first saw the light of day ten months later, the order for this one specified distribution, and this distribution included police, legal and public health authorities.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg